

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on October 1, 2008 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session: Tour of Reed Cornaby raspberry patches.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor J. Lane Henderson

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor J. Lane Henderson
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Brent V. Hanks
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon
Councilperson Stanley W. Green

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer
David Johnson, Public Works
Junior Baker, City Attorney

Excused:

Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin

Chief Brad James, Police Chief

OTHERS PRESENT

Mallory Byrnes
Cindy Jairl
Derek Zoolander
Janeen Christensen
Alberto Finkenthal

Kent Messenger
James Jairl
Susie Griffmeister
Dennis Dunn
Yasir Finkenthal

Craig Lott
Ginger Franny
Ashley Christensen
Reed Cornaby

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Henderson asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Matt Marziale stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Henderson invited those who would wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with him. He then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

a. Property Exchange with Mt. High Federal Credit Union at 15 East 200 North.

Dave Johnson showed, on the map, where the property was located. Mayor Henderson stated that the owners are proposing a land exchange with the city, so they can have a turn around on 200 North, on the east (just before SR 198). In DRC it was discussed that curb and gutter be done on the east side and be tied into the sidewalk on SR 198. Bruce Ward stated that the owners have also come up with another idea so that they would not need as much property on the east side.

The architect showed a rendering of the property, and what they proposed. He also showed what the credit union would look like.

Mayor Henderson asked if there were any questions from the council or public. Councilperson Gordon asked what the size of the road would be. Bruce stated that it would be 35 feet, which is what we currently have now.

Mayor Henderson explained that if we abandon the property, and give the property to the credit union, that we would be able to have the easements that we need in the turn around.

The architect feels that they can get started with asphalt within a couple of weeks. They would like to open around the first of the year.

Close

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to Close the Public Hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

a. Property Exchange with Mt. High Federal Credit Union at 15 East 200 North.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to abandon the property at 15 E. 200 N. and to get the necessary easements for the turn around, to have the landscaping completed as the council had been shown, and to give the abandon property to Mt. high Federal Credit Union.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

4. APPROVE SMOKING ORDINANCE

Attorney Baker explained that the Utah County Health Department came to last council meeting and talked to the council during the work session. He explained to the council that he took some of the council's ideas, and used the recommendation from the health department to come up with the ordinance. Attorney Baker read the ordinance that smoking is not allowed in city parks, cemetery, or bus stops. Also, at mass gatherings there is no smoking allowed. Matt Marziale explained that at the ball parks there will be signs put in place, and the supervisors at the ball park will also help enforce it.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to approve Ordinance 100108.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

5. FENCING AT THE DOWNTOWN BALLPARK

Matt Marziale talked about the fencing at the ball park on 100 East and Center. The fencing is very old and dangerous. He showed the council some photos of the fencing. He explained how he would like to put a mow strip along a new fence, to help protect the fencing, and to help with the weeds. He would also put signs stating *no climbing* to help protect the fence. He would like to put a six foot fence, and have a gate installed. He has contacted a few companies, but so far only Northwest Fence has turned a bid in. The cost for the construction, he feels will be around \$10,000. He knows that it was not budgeted for, but he has also started renting the baseball fields more. He feels by the end of the budget year he would have about \$8,000 from field renting, which was also not budgeted for. The remaining amount he would take from the other recreation funds. He has also started some new programs, which will also help with the revenue side of recreation, and will not have a lot of expenses with it.

Councilperson Gordon likes the idea, and feels that it will help with the look of the fields. Matt explained that he will put the new fences about where they old fences are. He also stated that the six foot fence will work. They could go with the eight foot, but it would be more expensive, and the six foot will do what they need it to do.

Matt stated that there is another option, for another \$5,000 they would be able to finish all of the fencing at the ball park. There is one section that the fence is a little better, and if the council would like to replace it, that is where the extra \$5,000 would be needed.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks feels that going with the second option of completing all of the fencing for an additional \$5,000 for a total cost of the project \$15,000.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of September 17, 2008 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Henderson asked that we come back to this item.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Henderson asked if there were any questions from the public.

The question was asked about the pot hole on Canal Road and about 650 West. Councilperson Hanks explained that it was from a P.I. Water leak, and we are waiting for the hole to settle before we fix it.

Zack Williams asked about the possibility about installing a stop light on SR 198. Mayor Henderson stated that the city does not have control of SR 198. We have asked the state to put a street light in many times. He suggested that the students get together and write letters to the state explaining the need for a stop light.

COUNCIL REPORTS

10. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON

11. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Lynn Durrant stated that the library opened today. Kerry Loveless, the librarian, told her that over 600 books have been checked out so far today. She also mentioned that the open house and ribbon cutting will be on October 9th, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Utah State Library Board has also certified our library. We have been working toward this for a long time.

12. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

13. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN

14. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS

Councilperson Brent Hanks stated that new landscaping curbing has been done at the civic center along with some rose bushes planted.

15. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

16. DAVE JOHNSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

17. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER

Bruce Ward explained that the Highline Canal has been drained, but we are still filling our P.I. ponds with culinary water. We thought the canal would be full until the 15th of October, but they decided to drain it early.

Bruce also mentioned to the council that the new water rates went into affect on August 1. Residents are getting their utility bills reflecting that usage and new rate. The council may get some calls on their water bills.

Mayor Henderson asked if the bills have been reviewed.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

18. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Jeff Nielson reported he has talked with Allied Waste, solid waste pick up company, they have proposed that they would like the residents to begin putting the garbage cans on one side of the street. We feel that this will help with fuel costs, which will help with cost increases, and also help the environment. The council felt that it was a good idea. Jeff stated that we are looking at starting it in November.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to Adjourn City Council Meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder